

# TCU/ARASA 5101Lodge Meeting

Date: March 26, 2013

President Dennis Deyo opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and with the Association Prayer, and called the meeting to order.

Present were Local Officers, General Chairmen, District Chairmen and other members.

The minutes for the February 2013 meeting were read by Recording Secretary Mike Gardner. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Steve Hirschbein, second by Ray Labbee. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary Shane Lindsey gave the financial report. A motion to pay the bills was made by Ray Labbee, second by Mark Barrios. Motion passed.

President Dennis Deyo reported on the following two new appointments, Joe Torres as Local Chairman-Kansas City Locomotive and Shamarree Spath as Local Chairman-North Platte Locomotive.

Vice-General Chairman-Car Mark Sellers reported that the carrier was conducting an EDCS audit and taking exceptions to supervisors adding their own manual clock in and changing time.

Recording Secretary Mike Gardner read the recommendations from a committee appointed by Past-President Carrow to review and recommend changes to the Lodge Expense account policy to bring into compliance with TCU Grand Lodges Statutes for the Government of Lodges. Mike thanked John Adams and Gene Peterson for their service on the committee and recommended the following,

First paragraph, third sentence change to read "Expenses incurred for normal operation of the Lodge do not need prior approval. Any unusual or extraordinary expenses need prior approval of the Board of Trustees."

Rental Car paragraph, third sentence change to read "Rental of a vehicle larger than mid-size must be approved by the Board of Trustees, unless no other vehicle is available."

Airline Fare paragraph, first sentence change to read "Tickets should be purchased as soon as possible after the need for such travel is known and has been approved by the Board of Trustees."

Meal paragraph, first and second sentences change to read "The TCU 2013 Per Diem city rate list will be used for meal and incidental expenses. Actual cost for meals up to the maximum daily Per Diem rate will be allowed."

The last sentence of the policy change to read "Computers, faxes, and other electronic communication devices shall be provided and maintained as deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees."

A motion to accept the Expense Account Policy changes as read was made by Steve Hirschbein, second by Bo Brown. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Hirschbein, second by Ray Labbee. Motion carried.

Total attendance at meeting = 31

The next Regular Lodge meeting will be held on April 23, 2013 at 7 P.M. CST.

The number is 1-877-773-7962, id number 563306#.

You will need to give your name for introduction.

Agenda items known at this time for the next meeting will include discussion and/or voting on the following items:

Review of previous meeting minutes

Financial report

Old Business

Reports from General Chairman, Vice-General Chairman Car, Vice-General Chairman ES, and Vice-General Chairman Loco.

New business

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Contact your District or Local Chairman for details on any items that you are interested in.